

# NEW ORIENTAL LINE SOON TO BE STARTED

WILL CALL AT HONOLULU AND  
TERMINATE AT THE PORT  
OF SAN DIEGO.

To Build Up Traffic Between Mexico  
and Asiatic Ports—Japanese Financial Agent in California Looking Over the Field.

A new Japanese steamship line terminating at San Diego and naturally making Honolulu its main port of call is under process of formation and will, when in operation, be a factor of tremendous importance in building up the great Southwest. The scope of the plan is to work for the building up of an Oriental commerce with the Southern States, the Southwest and Mexico. The San Diego Union of a recent date has the following tangible information upon the subject:

"K. Hiyama, of the financial department of Japan, is in the city as the representative of the secretary of the Japanese treasury, investigating the trade conditions and the advisability of establishing a steamer line between San Diego and some port in the land of the Mikado. Mr. Hiyama has been conferring with merchants and other persons who are familiar with the statistics of this port, and will formulate a report of his observations for the secretary of the treasury.

"When seen at the Horton House last night Mr. Hiyama said it was the desire of the Japanese authorities and those who are interested in its commerce to have a steamer line from Japan run further south than San Francisco, in order that trade may be built up with Mexico. The port of San Diego, being so much nearer Mexico than San Francisco, is preferable as the American terminus for such a line, and that is why Mr. Hiyama was sent over to investigate the present conditions and to ascertain what trade might be obtained. Not only is he looking at the present conditions, but he is keeping his eyes open more particularly to the future prospects. His investigations have led him to form the opinion that the time has not quite arrived for the starting of such a steamer line, but he said the outlook is bright for San Diego, and that it would probably not be long before the trade conditions would be satisfactory.

"Before leaving Japan, he said, he heard a rumor that a Japanese steamship company intended to make San Diego its California terminus in order to have a better base for getting a part of the Mexican trade. The report was only a rumor, he said, and whether or not there was any truth in it he could not say. He thought it was the Japanese company that now has a line to San Francisco, which is desirous of coming further south.

"In a day or two Mr. Hiyama will leave for Mexico for the purpose of investigating the trade conditions at the ports of that country. He will visit the principal cities along the coast and make inquiries similar to those he has carried on here.

"Mr. Hiyama was not sent to investigate any other port in California than San Diego. The Japanese authorities, he said, were anxious to have better communication with southern California and would like to have some company establish a steamer line to this section.

"To make such a line a success," he said, "it is necessary to have enough freight to fill the vessels, for it would not prove profitable to run the ships in ballast. The greater part of the freight that has come through this port for Japan has been cotton, but I understand that not much has been shipped for some time. When cotton gives out you must have something to take its place. I think you have a fine harbor here and should like to see a steamer line put on, and I have no doubt that there will be one as soon as the conditions warrant it. When I passed through San Francisco I met the agent of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha Company and I gathered from his conversation that he was watching San Diego pretty closely, but he did not think the time was yet ripe for having his steamers come this way instead of to San Francisco."

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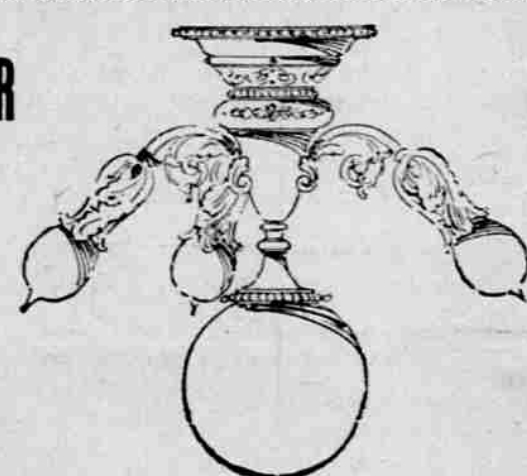
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